

EXHIBIT 4: Letter from Coastal Commission

STATE OF CALIFORNIA - THE RESOURCES AGENCY

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February 7, 2003

Sam Schuchat
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**RE: Designation of Use of the Parker/Cole (Stanford Trust) Settlement
Coastal Conservancy VRA Fund**

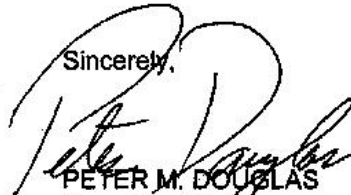
Dear Mr. Schuchat:

To follow up on my July 11, 2002 letter addressed to your central coast Program Manager Terri Nevins regarding the above-referenced funds, and based on my understanding of your latest proposal as outlined below, I am writing on behalf of the Coastal Commission to confirm my acceptance of your agency's proposal to redirect these funds to other Coastal Conservancy activities following completion of the state's purchase of the Ormsby/Sea West Ranch located in San Luis Obispo County.

It is my understanding that the state's acquisition of the Ormsby/Sea West Ranch for resource protection and public access purposes will be completed this summer, and prior to the Conservancy's ability to access the \$460,000 in Parker/Cole Settlement funds that I had originally intended to be used towards this acquisition. The current owners of the Ormsby/Sea West Ranch are only willing to sell if escrow closes this summer, and the Parker/Cole Settlement funds that have been deposited in the Violation Remediation Account must be appropriated by the legislature before they can be spent. I understand that the Conservancy intends to provide no less than \$6,500,000 of its own bond funds towards completion of the state's acquisition of the property.

Consistent with the Coastal Commission's desire to have the Ormsby/Sea West Ranch property acquired by the state as outlined in my July 11, 2002 letter, and given that the \$460,000 in Parker/Cole Settlement funds that have been deposited into the Conservancy's Violation Remediation Account for this acquisition cannot be appropriated until after the acquisition is completed, on behalf of the Coastal Commission, I hereby endorse the Conservancy's proposal to use its own bond funds to complete the purchase, and once the state assumes ownership of the property, to redirect these VRA funds to other Coastal Conservancy activities at its own discretion and consistent with Division 21 of the Public Resources Code.

Sincerely,


PETER M. DOUGLAS
Executive Director

cc: Amy Roach

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